

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
INDIANAPOLIS

TO: Nonprofit organizations pursuing the eradication of sexual assault in Indiana

CC: Indiana Rape Crisis Centers

FROM: Barbara Levy Tobey, M.S.
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DATE: August 19, 2002

RE: REQUESTS FOR LETTERS OF INTENT

The Office of Women's Health (OWH) at the Indiana State Department of Health is pleased to announce the availability of funds made possible by Indiana Code 5-2-5. This code establishes the Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fund to provide financial assistance to rape crisis centers. **Organizations eligible to receive funding for distribution include any statewide nonprofit corporation whose primary purpose is pursuing the eradication of sexual violence in Indiana.**

This law provides that the OWH administers the fund to the nonprofit organization. Ten percent (10%) of the appropriation made each year to the nonprofit corporation can be used for program administration. The nonprofit organization will allocate money in the fund among rape crisis centers for a one-year program. A rape crisis center is defined as "an organization that provides a full continuum of services, including hotlines, victim advocacy, and supportive services, from the onset of need for services through the completion of healing, to victims of sexual assault."

Eligible non-profit organization **must** provide services for victims of sexual assault in Indiana. This should include promoting awareness on victim issues, supporting victims' rights, and providing technical assistance to professionals and survivors.

The funds will come from a sexual assault victims assistance fee of at least \$250 and not more than \$1,000 that is assessed by the court to an individual convicted in Indiana of any of the following offenses: rape, criminal deviate conduct, child molesting, child exploitation, vicarious sexual gratification, child solicitation, child seduction, sexual battery, and sexual

misconduct with a minor as a Class A or class B felony. Currently, there is \$30,242 available for distribution. It is unknown how much will be available each year. This process will be done once a year.

An objective review committee comprised of Indiana State Department of Health staff with community based experience will evaluate the proposals. A recommendation on funding will be made to the Health Commissioner, Gregory A. Wilson, M.D., who will make the final decision.

Please submit your proposal by October 1, 2002:

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This memorandum can be found on the Office of Women's Health website:
<http://www.in.gov/isdh/programs/owh>.

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLY FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUND DOLLARS

1. List the name and brief description of the organization. If the organization is a coalition and does not have 501 C(3) status, please provide the name, address and not for profit status of the organization that will provide fiscal agent responsibilities.
2. Describe the process in which funds will be allocated to rape crisis centers.
3. Enclose a time line that includes the time of completion for the rape crisis center programs.
4. List the amount of funding requested and a detailed budget.
5. Limit application to 5 pages, double spaced